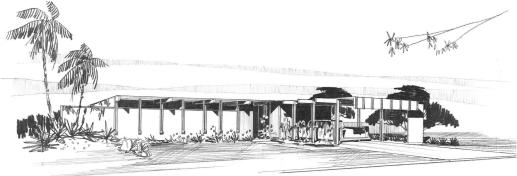
Little Beverly Hills designed by Palmer & Krisel 1956-58





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Portrait of Palmer and Krisel, 1958 by Julius Shulman Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles (2004.R.10) © J. Paul Getty Trust

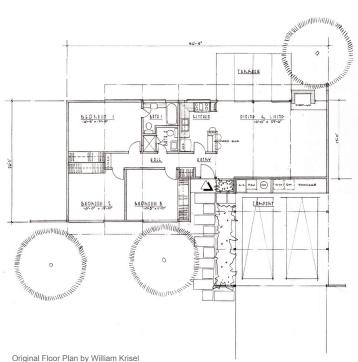
#### Welcome to the Little Beverly Hills neighborhood!

Our forty-acre neighborhood is one of the smallest complete modernist neighborhoods in Southern California, with homes built in 1957 and 1958. Steeped in history, sixty-four of our homes were built by famed developers, the Alexander Construction Company, with renowned architect William Krisel, AIA of Palmer & Krisel designing the floorplan and some of the elevations, marketed as Enchanted Village.

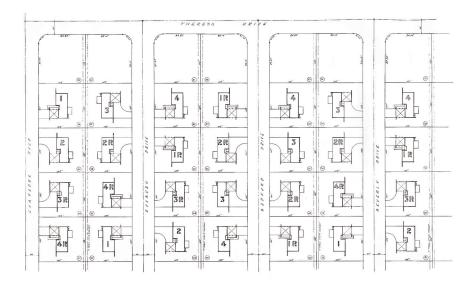
There were five exterior styles created; El Dorado, Enchantment, Fiesta, Fleetwood and Suburba, with the model homes all located on Compadre Road. (Note the El Dorado elevation was not built as a model home). The homes were priced between \$19,000 and \$20,000 and intended to be "all-year homes" for the city's permanent residents.

Originally named Ramon Rise Estates, the Little Beverly Hills neighborhood earned its current name from enterprising real estate marketers in the 1990s and on, since most of the street names are identical to famous streets in Beverly Hills. Half of the neighborhood's boundaries includes frontage to the Prescott Preserve, a 120-acre nature preserve, operated by Oswit Land Trust.

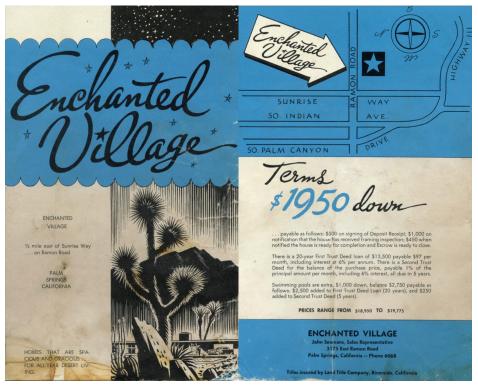
Learn more about our neighborhood by visiting our neighborhood organization's website at: www.littlebeverlyhillsps.org or on Instagram @LittleBeverlyHills.



Original Floor Plan by William Krisel © J. Paul Getty Trust



Original Tract Plan by William Krisel showing the layout of the first 28 homes.  $\circledast$  J. Paul Getty Trust



Original Sales Brochure courtesy of David Hyams, 3rd generation LBH homeowner

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16x32' With electric light, chrome ladder, steps, skimmer - \$3,75^



#### Enchanted Village Advertisement

The only print advertisement for the Enchanted Village was published in The Desert Sun on July 18, 1957 and August 7, 1957. The ad denotes that Enchanted Village was built to house the "area's permanent residents with the utmost in living pleasure at a REASONABLE price" meaning middle-class, full-time working residents unlike the second home neighborhoods that were being built at the same time like Twin Palms.



#### Key Characteristics of Alexander Construction Company Elevations

| Elevation           | Roof Style         | Carport                 | Fireplace          | Example Home         |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| ENCHANTMENT         | FLAT               | FORWARD                 | <b>REAR</b>        | 640 Compadre Rd      |
| Designed by Krisel  |                    | In Front of Living Room | Near Patio         | Furnished Model Home |
| EL DORADO           | BUTTERFLY          | FORWARD                 | <b>REAR</b>        | 690 Compadre Rd      |
| Designed by Leitch? | From left to right | In Front of Living Room | Near Patio         |                      |
| FIESTA              | BUTTERFLY          | FORWARD                 | <b>REAR</b>        | 650 Compadre Rd      |
| Designed by Leitch? | From front to rear | In Front of Living Room | Near Patio         |                      |
| FLEETWOOD           | <b>SLOPED</b>      | SIDE                    | <b>FRONT</b>       | 550 Compadre Rd      |
| Designed by Leitch? | To the front       | Next to Living Room     | Btw door & carport | Model Home           |
| SUBURBA             | DOUBLE GABLE       | <b>SIDE</b>             | <b>FRONT</b>       | 610 Compadre Rd      |
| Designed by Leitch? |                    | Next to Living Room     | Btw door & carport | Model Home           |

# 671 Bedford Dr.



Completed in 1957, this Palmer & Krisel designed, Alexander-built, home retains the original footprint and pool. The kitchen was fully renovated in 2021 and walls into the living room and hallway were removed to create a more open, social environment for hosting. Nicknamed Psychedelic Springs, the home features vintage furniture and decor from the 50s and 60s throughout, as well as modern pieces commissioned for the space by the homeowner. Each bedroom features a nod to a different popular style from mid-century; mod, bohemian eclectic, and Hollywood Regency, with a modern twist. The backyard includes spectacular poolside mountain views, complete with a 100-foot painted mural and mature cacti.

### 682 Bedford Dr.



This 1957 Alexander has an enclosed carport, increasing it from the standard 3-bedroom 2-bath design to its current 4-bedroom 3-bath layout. The original pool is flanked by updated landscaping and a poolside shower. Its outdoor kitchen offers the perfect compliment to al-fresco dining, with access to the interior using the pass-thru window in the home's kitchen. The Bedford Bungalow offers the tranquility of a peaceful oasis, designed for today's midcentury modern style.

# 631 Beverly Dr.



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This Suburba style Alexander Home, designed by Palmer & Krisel, was built in 1957. In 2023, it was acquired by an architect/builder couple, who were thrilled to find it in almost original condition. It needed a lot of work, but luckily, no one had modified the original floor plan. Their labor of love brought it back with Krisel's modernist language in mind every step of the way. Elements, such as the walnut/pegboard kitchen cabinets and vanities, hairpin legs and slanted fronts, pay homage to the original interiors of Krisel's midcentury homes. The house is not trying to replicate the 50s, but rather imagines which choices a modernist architect would make in our time. The result is a dreamy, light filled desert oasis, where indoor and outdoor spaces blend seamlessly to create infinite visual connections.

### 680 Compadre Rd.



This home is perfectly situated across from The Prescott Preserve with unobstructed views of the San Jacinto Mountains. Once you see the beautiful sky at sunset, you'll know why they call this home The House of Stardust. Built in 1957, then remodeled in 2018 by the owners, a mother and daughters design trio, who converted the garage into a fourth bedroom, redesigned the bathrooms and kitchen, landscaped and added an outdoor fire pit, while keeping the original essence of the house. The furniture and art has been carefully curated in midcentury style.

# 610 Compadre Rd.



Built in 1957 and gorgeously remodeled in the Fall of 2022, the Beverly Astro House is a midcentury home with a sexy pool that's ideal for soaking up the SoCal Sun! This little corner of paradise features stunning 1950s architecture, clean lines, a fabulous open concept floor plan, with walls of glass revealing the sun-drenched yard and an amazing unobstructed view of the snow-capped San Jacinto Mountains - blurring the lines between indoor-outdoor living. Chic mid-mod inspired furnishings and period art from legendary local artists Nat Reed, as well as Shag, decorate the interior.

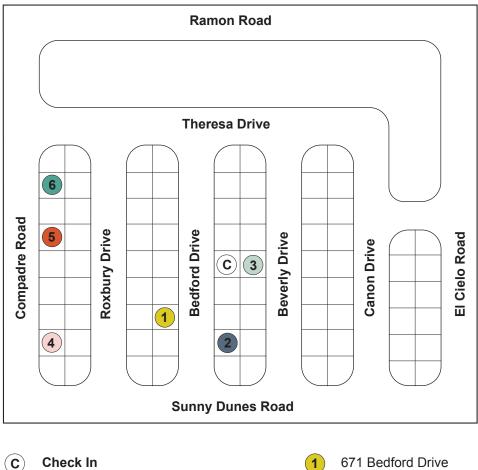


### 550 Compadre Rd.



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550 Compadre was one of the first 100 Alexander homes built in Palm Springs. Completed in 1957, it served as one of the models for the neighborhood. Ulike the bold festive colors usually seen in Palm Springs, this interior is a Classic Neutral Mid Century design, with vintage wood furnishings and pieces that evoke a clean but texturally elegant interior. The transition from inside to outside creates a wonderful space for entertaining on both large and small scale. A collection of art, photography and collected pieces from various periods give the home a warm global appeal.



Check In 634 Bedford Drive

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